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<u>UPDATE</u>

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Temporary Closure of Turtle Bay Boat Ramp and Temporary Obstructions

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has postponed exploratory drilling in the Sacramento River at the State Route 44 bridge. The drilling, originally scheduled for February 4 and 5, 2004, has been postponed, and is tentatively scheduled for February 17 and 18, 2004, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The exploratory drilling will determine the type, depth and strength characteristics of the subsurface material. Drilling of the riverbed will occur at locations adjacent to the north and south sides of the bridge. This work will be conducted from a barge and boat passage near the drilling site will be maintained at all times.

This study is part of the \$40 million Dana to Downtown project which will add access to westbound SR 44 from the Hilltop Drive area, auxiliary lanes between Interstate 5 and Auditorium Drive, a new bridge over the Sacramento River and replacement of the overpass at Auditorium Drive.

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